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SUMMARY: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GOJ WOULD NOT RPT NOT
BE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT OFFICIAL USG PROPOSAL THAT GOJ
PURCHASE RESIDUAL RIGHTS TO MAP MATERIAL. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY HAS MADE INFORMAL SOUNDINGS WITH GOJ OFFICIALS
REGARDING PROPOSAL OUTLINED REF A. REACTIONS HAVE BEEN LESS THAN
ENTHUSIASTIC FOR REASONS PARALLELING THOSE PROVIDED BY DUTCH MOD
REPORTED REF D. GOJ DEFENSE BUDGET IS SENSITIVE POLITICAL ISSUE,
WHICH JDA AND GOJ AS A WHOLE ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN IN
AS LOW PROFILE AS POSSIBLE AND TO AVOID COMPLICATING
WITH ANY SORT OF VARIATION THAT MIGHT SERVE AS
LEVERAGE FOR OPPOSITION PARTIES TO CRITICIZE GOJ. AS
WITH DUTCH PROBLEM, GOJ PURCHASE OF RESIDUAL RIGHTS
PROBABLY WOULD BE AT EXPENSE OF OTHER ELEMENTS OF
JAPAN DEFENSE BUDGET, MOST LIKELY AFFECTING
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DIRECTLY PORTIONS OF BUDGET FOR NEW PURCHASES OF EQUIPMENT. GOJ DOES NOT FEEL STRONGLY EXISTING CONSTRAINTS ON RESIDUAL USES OF MAP MATERIEL AND SO WOULD SEE LITTLE GAIN IN PURCHASING THESE RIGHTS. MOREOVER, LARGE PROPORTION MAP MATERIEL HERE IS ANTIQUATED, AND RESIDUAL VALUE IS EXTREMELY LOW. ACCORDINGLY, FIRST JDA RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE RESIDUAL RIGHT WOULD BE TO EMPLY JDA INVENTORY OF OLDER EQUIPMENT TO AVOID BEING PRESSED BY USG TO PAY ANY PORTION OF EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION PRICE FOR RESIDUAL VALUE. EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT SEE HOW THAT RESPONSE WOULD BE IN OUR INTEREST. FINALLY, SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF SALE WOULD ELIMINATE ONE IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF MDAO AND MAKE MDAO'S REMAINING RESPONSIBILITIES MORE DIFFICULT OF ACCOMPLISHMENT.

2. EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER IT IN OUR INTEREST TO MAKE OFFICIAL PROPOSAL TO GOJ RESPECTING SALE OF RESIDUAL RIGHTS TO MAP MATERIEL AND RECOMMENDS THAT WE NOT DO SO.
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